In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for operating a printing unit in an offset machine in which the printing unit comprises a doctor blade system comprising a chamber ~~used as~~ forming a coating unit for coating and ~~as~~ a moistening unit for applying water, wherein the doctor blade system and at least one transfer roller interacting with the doctor blade system for transferring coating or water from the doctor blade system are displaced between a first position for transferring water via a plate cylinder to a blanket cylinder and a second position for transferring coating directly to the blanket cylinder wherein the coating and water application unit comprises transfer rollers in the form of a screen roller and a rubber roller for transferring water from the doctor blade system to the plate cylinder and one screen roller for transferring coating directly to the blanket cylinder.

2. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the displacement is a pivoting about an axis in parallel with the rotational axis of the plate cylinder and the blanket cylinder.

3. (currently amended) A printing unit for use in a method according to claim 1 in an offset machine, comprising means for coating and means for applying water, and where the coating means and the water application means are constituted by a coating and water application unit comprising a doctor blade system including a chamber and at least one transfer roller for

transferring coating or water from the doctor blade system, wherein the coating and water application unit is arranged movably between a first position for bringing said at least one roller in contact with a roller engaging the plate cylinder, and a second position for bringing said at least one roller in direct contact with the blanket cylinder of the printing unit.

4. (previously presented) A printing unit according to claim 3, wherein the coating and water application unit further comprises said at least one transfer roller in the shape of a screen roller transferring coating directly from the doctor blade system to the blanket cylinder.

5. (cancelled).

6. (previously presented) A printing unit according to claim 3, wherein the coating and water application unit is mounted pivotably in relation to the plate cylinder and the blanket cylinder between one of the engagement positions with the plate cylinder and the blanket cylinder.

7. (previously presented) A printing unit according to claim 3, wherein the coating and water application unit is provided with coupling means which are arranged for being connected releasably with coupling means in the frame of the offset machine.

8. (previously presented) A printing unit according to claim 3, wherein the transfer roller is driven by its own motor.

9. (previously presented) A printing unit according to claim 3, wherein the coating and water application unit

comprising the doctor blade system and the at least one roller is mounted in the offset machine in an exchangeable way with the existing moistening unit of the offset machine.

10. (previously presented) A printing unit according to claim 7, wherein said coupling means in the frame is coupling means for a cleaning unit known per se for the plate cylinder.

11. (previously presented) A printing unit according to claim 8, wherein said motor is a motor controlled by a line signal from the main machine.